Webinar Series on California Forests and Greenhouse Gas Reduction

April 3, 10 & 17; 11 am to 1 pm
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Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is soliciting grant applications for forestry projects that will reduce or avoid GHG emissions. The source of funding is the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). Funding is available for the following project types:

- Forest health improvement
- Reduce wildfire vegetation (fuel) hazards
- Increase carbon sequestration in conifer forests and implement applied research projects
- Reforestation
- Establish and improve urban and community forests
- Conserve forestland by avoiding conversion to other uses
- Develop programmatic timberland environmental impact reports
- Utilize forest biomass

The goal for all projects is to ensure California's forests remain significant carbon storage "sinks" and to reduce or avoid GHG emissions due to pest damage, wildfires, and loss of forest tree cover from development to non-forest uses. Project applicants must demonstrate reduction of greenhouse gases as a result of implementing the proposed project.

Greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration are relatively new concepts in forestry. As such there are many questions and opportunities for education.

The Northern California Society of American Foresters and the University of California Cooperative Extension, in close collaboration with CAL FIRE, is hosting a webinar series on Forestry and Greenhouse Gas Reduction.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Program overview,
- State of the science,
- Methods to calculate greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction and carbon sequestration benefits for forest management projects. Experts will discuss GHG estimation procedures for reforestation, fuels reduction projects, and other project types. The webinar will cover data requirements, analytical/modeling options, and monitoring with examples.

Learn more at the University of California Forestry Research and Outreach website: http://ucanr.edu/forest_ghg_webinar

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